

Orders for Returns

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H.M.C. "DOCKYARD", HALIFAX—JOURNEY-
MEN EMPLOYED**Question No. 989—Mr. Forrestall:**

What is the average age of all journeymen now employed at H.M.C. Dockyard, Halifax?

Answer: 46.

PENSION PLAN DEDUCTIONS FROM
MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS**Question No. 1010—Mr. Hopkins:**

1. Are contributions made to the Canada pension plan from salaries of municipal councillors, reeves, deputy-reeves, and mayors of small municipalities?

2. If so, has the government given consideration to the possibility that extra bookkeeping of relatively small salaries is involved?

3. If so, has consideration been given to the exemption of such salaries from contributions to the Canadian pension plan?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue): 1. Yes.

2. Yes.

3. Not specifically, but no contribution is required if the amount of salary does not exceed the basic minimum annual exemption of \$600 prorated for the pay period.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS
FOR RETURNS

EXPO '67—FEDERAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE

Question No. 5—Mr. Coates:

What is the total amount of expenditure of the federal government made as of this date, or undertaken, or planned directly or indirectly, in connection with Expo '67?

Return tabled.

DIRECTORSHIPS HELD BY MINISTERS

Question No. 51—Mr. Knowles:

1. Are any cabinet ministers directors of any companies, corporations, etc., and, if so, what ministers, of what companies or corporations are they directors, and at what date were any directorships presently held by such cabinet ministers assumed?

2. Did any cabinet ministers resign any directorships on being sworn of the Privy Council and, if so, which ministers, on what dates, and from what companies or corporations?

Return tabled.

[Mr. Cadieux (Terrebonne).]

CENTENNIAL PROJECTS, ONTARIO

Question No. 605—Mr. Martin (Timmins):

1. In which locations in Ontario have centennial projects been approved, and in each location, what is the nature of the project?

2. In each case, what is the total cost of the project, and the shares to be paid by the province of Ontario, the centennial commission, and the local sponsors?

Return tabled.

COAL

INQUIRY AS TO ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question to direct to the Minister of National Health and Welfare as minister for Nova Scotia. I would ask him whether an alternative date has been set for a future meeting with the parties concerned in respect of the Nova Scotia coal industry.**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have ruled before, and I should like to reaffirm the ruling, that ministers must be asked questions in their capacity as ministers of the Crown. They cannot be asked questions as ministers for a province or an area. I should like to reiterate that ruling at this time, which is based on precedent.**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the precedent has already been established on any number of occasions, and most recently during the consideration of the estimates of the department of mines, when the minister—**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I cannot hear an argument on this point. I have ruled on this matter and I can assure the hon. gentleman that there is no doubt in my mind that there is no way the business of the house can be conducted during the question period if questions can be asked of a minister because he is the minister representing Prince Edward Island, northern Ontario or eastern Ontario. It would lead to a very difficult situation. I can understand the position of the hon. gentleman, but during the question period at this time we cannot ask questions on this basis. The question the hon. member now has in mind should be asked of the minister who is responsible for the administration of that department.